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**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF MISSISSIPPI**

**No. 2022-AP-00648**

***JACKSON WOMEN'S HEALTH ORGANIZATION,  
ON BEHALF OF ITSELF AND ITS PATIENTS;  
SACHEEN CARR-ELLIS, M.D., M.P.H., ON  
BEHALF OF HERSELF AND HER PATIENTS***

*Plaintiffs*

v.

***THOTMAS E. DOBBS, M.D., M.P.H., IN HIS  
OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS STATE HEALTH  
OFFICER OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT  
OF HEALTH , ET AL., MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF  
MEDICAL LICENSURE; KENNETH CLEVELAND,  
M.D., IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MISSISSIPPI  
STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE; JODY  
E. OWENS, II, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR HINDS COUNTY;  
GERALD A. MUMFORD, IN HIS OFFICIAL  
CAPACITY AS COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR HINDS  
COUNTY; CATORIA P. MARTIN, IN HER  
OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS CITY ATTORNEY FOR  
THE CITY OF JACKSON***

*Defendants*

No. 2022-739; In the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi, First Judicial District

**ORDER APPOINTING SPECIAL JUDGE**

THIS MATTER is before the Court upon request by the Judges for the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi, First Judicial District, for the appointment of a Special Judge to preside over the proceedings in the above numbered and styled cause, which is presently pending in the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi. This request is necessitated by the recusal of the Judges for said Court by virtue of an Order of Recusal executed in said case on June 28, 2022.

Having fully considered the matter, the Court finds that the request is proper pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. Section 9-1-105.

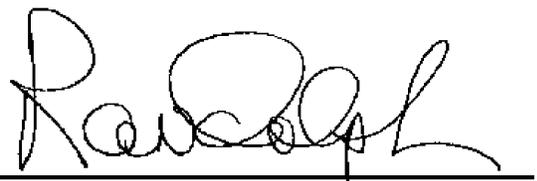
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that *Honorable Debra K. Halford*, Judge of and for the Fourth Chancery Court District, be, and she is, hereby specially appointed Special Judge to preside and conduct proceedings in the above referenced case pursuant to and by the authority of Mississippi Code Ann. Section 9-1-105; which states that the Chief Justice may, with the advice and consent of a majority of the Justices of the Mississippi Supreme Court, appoint a Special Judge.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of this Court transmit copies of this order to the Honorable Debra K. Halford, Special Judge, the Honorable J. Dewayne Thomas, the Honorable Crystal Wise Martin, the Honorable Denise Owens, and the Honorable Tiffany Piazza Grove, Judges for the Chancery Court of Hinds County, and, to the Clerk of the Chancery Court of Hinds County, who is directed to file this Order and deliver copies to all counsel of record in said case and to parties not represented by counsel.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that upon the conclusion of this case in the trial court the Special Judge shall promptly forward a copy of the final judgment or other order of final disposition by mail or email to the Court Administrator, Supreme Court of Mississippi, P.O. Box 117, Jackson, MS 39205, [hsaunders@courts.ms.gov](mailto:hsaunders@courts.ms.gov).

SO ORDERED.

**DIGITAL SIGNATURE**  
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Michael K. Randolph, Chief Justice